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Biblical Creation Assessment & Biblical Creation Ministry Professional

Genesis Apologetics and the International Association for Creation have partnered to create the Biblical Creation Assessment (BCA) and the Biblical Creation Ministry Professional (BCMP) certification. The BCA is a two-part online test (with a \$30 testing fee) that includes a 65-item “Biblical Creation” knowledge assessment that covers the ten most important topics in the Biblical Creation field and a 33-item “Basic Christian Doctrine” assessment. The study guide for each test is on the following page.

To pass the BCA, candidates must achieve the following scores: (1) Biblical Creation Test: **49** of 65 items, or **43** of 65 and remediate by studying the topical areas regarding each item they answered incorrectly; (2) Biblical Christian Doctrine Test: **25** of 33 items, or **20** of 33 and remediate by studying the topical areas regarding each item they answered incorrectly. The cutoff scores for each were set by a panel of nine experienced Biblical Creation Ministry Professionals. It shall be the responsibility of each candidate to inform Home Office of their assessment completion, so their case file can be properly updated with the required information.

Candidates who pass **both** components of the BCA are eligible to become Biblical Creation Ministry Professionals (BCMPs) by meeting three additional requirements:

1. **Educational:** A completed Bachelor’s degree or higher; **OR** any one of the following:
 - a. At least six college-level units of communication-related classes AND at least six units of science-related classes, such as biology, earth science, geology, astronomy, life science, paleontology, chemistry, genetics, scientific theory or methods, anthropology or related areas (evaluated on a case-by-case basis); **OR**
 - b. The equivalent to (a) through other college-level training or equivalent experience in the areas described above (evaluated on a case-by-case basis).
2. **Experience:** Speaking experience including at least ten presentations (not necessarily in the Biblical Creation field), and one online/recorded presentation that can be reviewed by IAC staff.
3. **References:** Three letters of reference from senior church staff that include a brief review of the candidate’s Biblical Creation knowledge/experience, personal character, and involvement in the local church.

Candidates who obtain the BCMP receive three benefits, provided by Genesis Apologetics: (1) **Master Presenter Library**, which includes more than 1,000 PowerPoint slides and videos that are useful for speaking in this area; (2) access to IAC’s Fossil and Artifact Library, a \$40,000 collection of artifacts, teaching objects, dinosaur fossils, and other tools useful for promoting the Creation message; (3) a 50% discount on all Genesis Apologetics books and DVDs.

Exceptions

Adjunct/employed speakers with ministries included on our exemption list (found on our website, at www.CreationCertified.org under the "The Process" tab) are considered to have met the above qualification requirements and may have access to the resources described above.



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BCA Study Guides

Biblical Creation Test (65-item test measuring the nine topics below)

There are two primary study sources for the test: (1) *Genesis* chapters 1-11; and (2) Answers in Genesis *Answers* Books: **Book 1** Chapters 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11-13, 15, 17, 19, 22-23, 25; **Book 2** Chapters 1, 4, 8, 10-12, 16, 28, 31; **Book 3** Chapters 1, 5, 23-24, 36; **Book 4** Chapters 1, 8, 10, 19.

Biblical Creation Test Areas

Topic #	Topic	Dimensions Included
1	Animal Biology, Created Kinds, Adaptation, Dinosaurs	Genesis 1 "kinds," animals on the Ark, speciation/adaptation within kinds, and dinosaurs.
2	The Genesis Flood (Chpts. 6-9)	Both the Biblical narrative (Gen. 6-9) and Flood geology basics.
3	The Gospel & Genesis	The connection between Genesis, Creation, the Fall, Curse of Sin, and Redemption.
4	Basic Evolutionary Theory & Dating	Darwin's Theory (Natural Selection, Adaptation, Mutations), secular views on: the geologic column, fossils, transitions, and dating methods.
5	Genesis 1-5, 10-11 (Genesis 1-11, minus the Flood)	Knowledge about the Biblical fundamentals laid out in the first 11 chapters of Genesis, including 6 days and 6,000 years (genealogies).
6	Compromised Genesis Positions	Knowledge of both their framework and their limitations (gap theory, framework theory, day-age, progressive creation, and theistic evolution).
7	Origin of Man & Race Groups	Basic differences between Biblical and secular views.
8	Scientific Method: Observational v. Historical Presuppositions	Differences between observational and historical science, presuppositions, worldview, and limitations.
9	Astronomy / Big Bang / Starlight	Finely-tuned earth, distant starlight, secular views on the "Big Bang."
10	Primary Evidences for a Young Earth	The best evidences that are used to support the young age of the earth (only those presented in the four "Answers" books by AIG).

Biblical Doctrine Test (33-item test measuring the 10 topics covered below)

While we recommend that candidates review Paul Little's book, *Know What You Believe* (Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2003), most candidates with some college-level biblical theology classes or similar personal study should be prepared to pass the exam.

Topic #	Dimensions Included
1	The doctrine of salvation. Jesus is the only one that can save us from our sins. Rejection of all other false gods.
2	The doctrine of the Bible as the inerrant word of God. Basics about the Bible.
3	The doctrine of the Trinity.
4	The physical resurrection of Jesus and belief in miracles.
5	The doctrine of the Holy Spirit, including divinity and function.
6	The doctrine of God's attributes. His omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, impassibility.
7	The doctrine of evangelism.
8	Biblical Christian Apologetics, including key verses and purpose (1 Peter 3:15).
9	The doctrine of sin: Its reality and consequence.
10	The doctrine of Sin, Depravity and Evil.